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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) & (b) Communications received from the Members of Legislature and public bodies are generally acknowledged and usually copies of final orders are also sent to them. As regards the procedure to be followed in regard to representations received from Members of Legislature, a copy [a] of G.O. No. 785, Public (Elections), dated 18th August 1926, containing the instructions issued in the matter is placed on the table of the House. Instructions have also been issued as long ago as in 1938 that in the interest of good administration, an easy relationship should be established between district officers and representatives of the people in the Legislature, representations made by Members of the Lgislature on general matters as distinguished from advocacy on behalf of particular individuals will be received by the district officers concerned and duly examined and disposed of or reported to Government." I may also add, Sir, that in all the history of representations in this State, during the last one year more representations have been received from Members of the Legislature than in any previous period of the history of our State."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question hour is now over and the rest of the questions and answers will be printed in the proceedings "

Release of prisoners from jails.

* 604 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that some prisoners were released in recent months before their term to relieve congestion in jails;

(*b*) if so, how many; and

(*c*) of those released, how many were politicals and how many non-politicals?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The total number of prisoners released from Jails in the State during the months of January, February and March 1953 is 3,088.

" (*c*) Of the 3,088 prisoners released, the number of prisoners belonging to the Communist Party is 16 and others 3,072."

Construction of the road to the top of Horsley Hills, Madanapalle taluk.

* 605 *Q*.—SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) how much is so far spent on laying the famine road to the top of Horsley Hills (Madanapalle taluk); and

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(*b*) whether the Government propose to stop further spending on this?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—"(*a*) A sum of Rs. 50,700 has been spent on laying the earthern road from the foot of Horsley Hills to the bungalow at the top.

"(*b*) The question whether any further amount should be spent on improving the road will be considered on receipt of a report called for from the Board of Revenue."

Formation of new metalled roads in Andhra districts.

* 606 *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any works relating to the formation of the new metalled roads or repairs to old ones, and minor irrigation works for which provisions were made in the year 1952-53 were stopped in Andhra districts;

(*b*) if so, how many such works were stopped and what was the total amount sanctioned for those works; and

(*c*) whether the sanctioned allotments were diverted to any work in places other than Andhra districts?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) No road works for which provision was made in 1952–53 were stopped in Andhra districts and the allotments diverted to other areas. Particulars in regard to Minor Irrigation works are not available and have been called for."

Statistics of unemployed persons in the State.

* 607 *Q.*—SRI T. POTHA RAJU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have got statistics of unemployed people in the State year-war from 1948; and

(*b*) what steps the Government are taking to provide work for unemployed people?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"(*a*) No, Sir.

"(*b*) The Governmet have set up Employment Exchanges in each district which help to a very large extent to find suitable employments for unemployed people who seek employment through the Exchanges. They rely also on the Five-Year Plan to increase the field of employment."

Grant of house-sites in Cuddapah district.

* 608 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of families that are given the benefit of housing facilities in the Cuddapah district during the year 1952–53;